

LOCAL ITEMS.

BARRACKS.—The Mount Vernon Guards, companies A and B, went into barracks yesterday. They occupy the three-story houses on Fairfax street, near Prince George, adjoining the residence of J. J. Wheat.

The Washington Home Guards (Horse) of West End have gone into barracks, at the three-story house on Fairfax street, lately occupied by Wm. E. Atwell.

The Old Dominion Rifles have gone into barracks, at the house lately occupied by J. P. Smith, on King, near Pitt street.

The Alexandria Riflemen occupied the house on the North-East corner of King and Columbus streets.

The Alexandria Artillery are in barracks at the Lyceum Hall.

The Leesburg Guards are at Tennessee's old Restaurant, at Cameron street.

Gen. Cooke's Headquarters are at the Mansion House.

The handsome and pleasant residence of C. S. Taylor, esq., lately belonging to Wm. Fowle, has been placed in service, and will be used as a soldier's infirmary.

The Messrs Meyenber yesterday presented the infirmary with over a hundred fine blankets.

The headquarters of the Quartermaster's department are at Sarepta Hall.

A large number of citizens have tendered the use of houses to the Commonwealth's soldiers.

LEAVE-TAKING.—The Loudoun Guards, Capt. C. B. Tebbis, left that town for this place, yesterday. Previous to leaving the depot, an affecting scene took place.

Crowds gathered at the depot for leave-taking, and as soon as the farewells had been exchanged, Rev. Mr. Williams, Pastor at Christ Church, in that town, ascended the platform and offered a fervent prayer, begging the blessing of God upon the gallant volunteers who were moving to defend their native land, against the assaults of the foe.

Capt. Tebbis then addressed the crowd in a beautiful speech, and Rev. Mr. Williams, responded. The Guards soon exchanged earnest farewells with their relatives and friends, and in a short time were in this city. They number about 80 men, and are composed of the most substantial citizens of Loudoun.

IMPORTANT MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.—We are gratified to learn that the firm of S. & W. Meyenber, of this place, who shipped flour to Europe last year, with success, have bought farms, the growth of Virginia and Maryland, and shipped them by the Bremen ship "Admiral Brommy," bound for London. In return, they will import a portion of their dry goods. This is a movement in the right direction, and we hope soon to hear of others who have followed their example.

APPOINTMENT.—Mr. James A. Evans, of this city, has been appointed by the Commander of this district to supervise the operations of the telegraph office in this city. This is intended by the authorities as a timely precaution against the attending of improper discharges. The operators here have the entire confidence of the community, and are gentlemen fully worthy of it, competent, courteous and obliging.

THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS.—The Irish Volunteers, of this city, Captain Thornton Trippett, have completed their organization by the election of the following additional officers: William Summs, 1st Lieutenant; Wm. McGuire, 2d Lieutenant; Bernard McCracken, 3d Lieutenant. They are busily engaged in preparing for active service in the defense of this Commonwealth.

Owing to the disturbance of the times, the excellent Female School of James S. Hallows, has been closed for the present season. The principal took leave of the pupils, yesterday, in an appropriate address. The school will be re-opened upon the restoration of quiet in the country. We learn that other schools are about closing their sessions.

THE OLD GUARD.—The "Old Guard" of Rappahannock, a fine troop of Horse, numbering nearly eighty men, arrived in this city last evening, and were quartered at the City Hotel. They are commanded by Capt. J. Shae Green, and making a fine show. They will do yeoman service in defense of the homes and freedoms of Virginia.

RIVER MOVEMENTS.—The steamer Keystone State (transport) passed down the Potomac yesterday. The United States steamer Anconia passed down in the morning and up in the afternoon. The steamer Mt. Vernon was lying at the wharf of Fort Washington at sunset, yesterday.

NEW FLAG.—The Mount Vernon Guards displayed yesterday, at their barracks a new and handsome flag of the Confederate States. This they owe to Miss Julia DeLagniel and the ladies of the Mansion House, whose kindness will be long remembered by the Guards.

SCHOOL SESSIONS.—We have been requested by the Messrs. Kemper to say that they have been very reluctantly compelled to close the exercises of their school until such time as they shall think proper to resume.

ADAMS' EXPRESS COMPANY.—By an advertisement in another column, it will be seen that the Adams' Express Company have placed their operations in this section of the country upon a new basis, and will forward goods to the South and Southwest by a new schedule.

PRESENTATION.—Rev. C. C. Bittling, pastor of the 1st Baptist Church, yesterday presented each of his members who are in the ranks of the Volunteers, with a copy of the Holy Scriptures. Would it not be well for our other ministers to imitate this noble act?

Numbers of families in the city of Washington, have left that place, in consequence of the state of the times. The city is occupied by the military. There is a general stagnation in business.

RESIGNATION.—Charles G. Addison, of this city, a Clerk in the Census Office, resigned, and took the oath that was put to the Clerk of the Interior Department on Monday last, and immediately resigned.

Lieut. Wm. L. Powell, U. S. N., has resigned, and offered his services to the State of Virginia. He has been accepted, and has opened a recruiting office in this city.

A number of Maryland Clerks in the Departments residing in Prince George's have resigned, and returned to their homes.

The citizens of the county of Fairfax are earnestly requested to meet at the Court House of that county, on Saturday next, the 27th inst., to take action upon the petition of the Board of Supervisors, in view of the disturbed state of the country.

We are authorized to say that the statement in the Washington Star, to the effect that the Episcopal High School in this neighborhood, had suspended for the present, is not correct, but the trustees of the school are going on as heretofore.

SPRING TRADE.—We call the attention of our customers and dealers generally, to our well selected stock of DRUGS, MEDICINES, OILS, &c., which we are prepared to sell low to prompt dealers, and will make a larger discount than usual for cash.

LATEST NEWS.

VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION.
RECEPTION OF
MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE.

MOQUEMENT SPEECH OF JOHN JANNEY, ESQ., PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION.

GENERAL LEE'S REPLY.

In conformity with a resolution offered by Mr. Mactarland, in the Convention, on Monday night, the 22d inst., Col. Robert E. Lee, late of the United States Army, was formally received by the Convention on Tuesday, and the unanimous confirmation of his appointment to the office of Major General of the military and naval forces of Virginia, made known to him by John Janney, esq., President of the Convention, in behalf of that assembly. We give the particulars of this reception:

The Hon. A. H. Stephens, Vice President of the Confederate States, entered the Hall, accompanied by the Governor, and was introduced to the President by Mr. Johnston, of Lee county, a member of the committee appointed to invite and conduct that gentleman to the Hall.

Mr. Johnston next introduced Judge Allen, a member of the Advisory Council to the Governor.

Mr. Critcher next introduced Col. Smith, of the Virginia Military Institute.

Mr. Morton introduced Capt. M. F. Maury, late of the United States Navy, with Col. Smith, constitute the other members of the Advisory Council.

Every delegate was on his feet during this ceremony.

The Governor and Mr. Stephens were assigned seats on the right of the President, and the three members of the Advisory Council on the left.

At this time, Major General Lee entered, leaning on the arm of Mr. Johnson, of Richmond, Chairman of the Committee appointed to conduct the distinguished military Chief to the Hall. As they reached the centre of the main aisle, Mr. Johnson said: Mr. President, I have the honor to present to you, and to the Convention, Major General Lee.

The President—Major Gen'l Lee. In name of the people of our native State, here represented, I bid you a cordial and heartfelt welcome to this Hall, in which we may yet almost hear the echo of the voices of the statesmen, the soldiers and sages of by-gone days, who have borne your name, and whose blood now flows in your veins.

We met in the month of February last, charged with the solemn duty of protecting the rights, the honor and the interests of the people of this Commonwealth. We differed for a time as to the best means of accomplishing that object; but there never was, at any moment, a shade of difference amongst us as to the great object itself, and now Virginia having taken her position, as far as the power of this Convention extends, we stand animated by one impulse, governed by one desire and one determination, and that is that she shall be defended; and that no spot of her soil shall be polluted by the foot of an invader.

When the necessity became apparent of having a leader for our forces, all hearts and all eyes, by the impulses of an instinct which is a surer guide than reason itself, turned to the old county of Westmoreland. We knew how profile she had been in other days, of heroes and statesmen.

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THE ADMINISTRATION ALARMED.

FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS.

Southerners Refuse to take the oath of Allegiance.

RESIGNATIONS.

GOV. HICKS DISTRICTED.

Retailing Flour from the Capital.

SPECIAL EXPRESS TO THE GAZETTE.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The Administration is evidently alarmed. Troops are being enrolled in all sections of the city—the fidelity of whom is by no means certain.

The U. S. Government still persist in making Federal appointments. Of the office-seekers, those in favor of coining and subjugating the just and lawfully-seeded States are in high favor.

Nearly all the Southerners in office refuse to take the oath of allegiance to the government, which is proposed to them by those who now hold control of the appointing power.

Resignations are pouring into the Department from every quarter of the land. They are not published in the city papers.

Gov. Hicks, of Maryland, who was some time since in high favor with the Administration, is now looked upon with distrust.

Provisions in the Federal Capital are becoming daily dearer.

The Government are now selling flour from the Capital, where a large quantity of it is stored, to those professing allegiance to it, at the price it was selling for when seized.

BURNING OF THE LIGHT BOATS.—We learn from a reliable source that the Light Boats at the Upper and Lower Cedar Points, on the Potomac, have been burned. Whether by order of the Government or by persons on the Virginia or Maryland shore, we could not learn. The steamer Mount Vernon, which went down the river on Thursday morning last, with munitions and some troops from Washington, was at Fort Washington, yesterday evening.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

THE SUPPLIES FOR THE TROOPS HERE.—The Government have recently purchased thirteen thousand barrels of flour here, at prices ranging from \$7 to \$8.50, according to quality. Also, beef, pork, &c., in Baltimore, [all of which has been delivered here by rail,] in immense quantities—quite sufficient to sustain all the troops that will be here for a month to come.

Just as we go to press, a person from the troops on the way higher from Annapolis, is said to have reached this city, representing that the New York Seventh, Butler's Massachusetts Regiment, and sufficient of the more recent arrivals at Annapolis, to make up a total force of 2,500 men were at 11 p. m. last night six or eight miles out from Annapolis on the march hither. Up to that point no hostile demonstrations had been made against them, either in Annapolis or upon the road. The lack of efficient transportation for their baggage will doubtless somewhat delay their progress hither.

The official announcement of the establishment of new Kingdom of Italy, made by the Italian Minister, the Italian Minister, was responded to by the Government of the United States without a single day's hesitation. The promptness of this recognition is highly gratifying to the friends of the Italian Kingdom.

The Frigate Cumberland is not within the obstructions sunk in the channel of the Elizabeth river, but succeeded in passing through them easily, and was left by the Potomac safely at anchor under the guns of Fortress Monroe, all ready for any naval operations that may be required of her.

The northern mail is expected to-night via Baltimore by wagon, and a mail will be sent from here in the same way. Mail communication was suspended here last evening as far South as Montgomery, Alabama, and continues open to-day.

Advices dated on Sunday represent Harrisburg as one vast camp. The Ohio forces, en route for this city, had arrived at Harrisburg.

Intelligence has just been received in this city that four regiments of volunteers have been raised and equipped in St. Louis, in response to the call of the President, despite the refusal of Gov. Jackson, of Missouri. The rumor of the news from Missouri is that she will remain in the Union.

We now feel certain that the delay in the appearance of the Seventh New York and Col. Butler's Massachusetts Regiment at this point is the result of rearrangement on the part of the Government, which has been made here for any current emergency—some 8000 men in arms at least. It is evident that, to avoid bloodshed in Maryland, the troops are to be sent hither, for the most part via Annapolis, instead of through Baltimore; and that they are delayed there until the progressing arrival of other troops to take their places and to occupy points on the road to this city, necessary to secure them and those to follow by the same route from interruption on the march.

NOTICE.

PASSENGERS from the Hotel and families of the city are requested to take their baggage to the depot, by or before last night, 6 o'clock, A. M.

CHURCH STOLEN.—Stolen from the Washington (on Omnibus) yesterday evening, a small BLACK PORT-MANTEAU. It delivered at the Mansion House, a suitable reward will be paid.

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DR. DE CASTRO. Dr. De Castro, of New Orleans, has had an interview with the Brazilian minister, and several European diplomats; also, with Secretary Seward, in relation to the question of blockade.

MR. FLETCHER. The American Consul at Havana, who has lately returned, had an interview with Secretary Seward immediately after Dr. De Castro, of New Orleans.

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No. 4	Full Case, Polished Black Walnut.	65	65
No. 5	Full Case, Polished Black Walnut.	55	55
No. 6	Full Case, Polished Black Walnut.	45	45
No. 7	Full Case, Polished Black Walnut.	35	35
No. 8	Full Case, Polished Black Walnut.	25	25
No. 9	Full Case, Polished Black Walnut.	15	15
No. 10	Full Case, Polished Black Walnut.	10	10
No. 11	Full Case, Polished Black Walnut.	5	5
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